



WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 2, 2010

PRESENT: Dan Ericksen, Chair, County Commissioner
Sherry Holliday, County Commissioner
Bill Lennox, County Commissioner
Kathy McBride, Executive Assistant

At 9:11 a.m. Chairman Dan Ericksen called the meeting to order.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Denise Minson, Fair Board Chair, met with the Board to request funding for the repair of the restroom plumbing at the fairgrounds. One of the bathrooms froze during the freeze due to one of the heaters going out. Their bill is up to \$15,000. They are working on turning the claim into the insurance company. They are hoping to only have to meet the deductible. The damage was discovered in the spring.

Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer, stated that they knew that they had a broken pipe; it was not until the water was turned on that they found out they had more of a problem.

Some discussion occurred.

Stone stated that the County will need to pay the \$5,000 deductible.

Minson stated that they have it set to drain the pipes so this will not happen again. The heater has always been on before.

Stone noted that there was not a shut off valve.

*****It was the consensus of the Board of Commissioners to support a year end transfer for the Fair Fund to cover the unanticipated plumbing repair costs for the fairgrounds restroom***.**

OPEN TO DEPARTMENTS

Steve Conover, Chief Deputy Sheriff, informed the Board that the Sheriff's Office received the funding and are working on getting the computer aid dispatch system. He requested that the Board look over and approve the Agreement with Executive Information Services, Inc. County Counsel Eric Nisley has already seen the Agreement, as well as Paul Ferguson, Information Services Manager.

Conover noted that the computer aid dispatch system is the foundation for the MDTs. The Sheriff's Office will be upgrading their record management system. Conover noted that there will be a separate contract for the MDTs. The computers for the cars have already been ordered.

Some discussion occurred on maintenance of the new equipment. Conover noted that the Sheriff's Office is buying extended service agreements; the cost is covered in the grant.

**CONSIDERATION of items listed on the Discussion List of June 2, 2010,
(Attached as Exhibit A).**

Item #1 – Kathy McBride, Executive Assistant, stated that she has left a message with the City of The Dalles Community Development Department asking about the requirements for building a block wall on the County owned property.

Chairman Ericksen suggested that we refer to Jade LeRoux's request for a license to use the County owned property instead of referring to it as an easement.

Item #3 – Some discussion occurred on the request from Scott Green, Executive Director of the Northern Wasco County Parks & Recreation District, as to dogs running at large in the City's Parks. This issue will be put on hold until Green gets back with Chairman Ericksen.

Item #4 – Chairman Ericksen suggested that the County establish a fee to charge to QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency for services provided to them from the County's Information Services Department. The County should bill them for our actual costs; loaded rate of our Information Services Manager. Staff was

directed to prepare an Order establishing such a fee for the Board's consideration.

A brief discussion occurred as to what the loaded rate should include.

Item #5 – The Board considered the request from Joan Silver to reimburse some of the costs for the economic development project in the City of Shaniko, (Attached as Exhibit B).

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to authorize the payment of the reimbursement request from the Wasco County Economic Development Commission from the Special Projects Account in the County Court's Budget to Sam Silver Construction in the total amount of \$194.67 for the following costs: lumber, \$149.67 and fuel, \$45.00. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Item #6 – Some discussion occurred on the letter received from William Keyser in regards to the condition of the Odd Fellows Cemetery located on Cherry Heights Road. Stone requested that a copy of the agreement between the Odd Fellows Cemetery and Wasco County be pulled out so that he can see what is required as to the veterans section of the cemetery.

McBride presented a brief history on the billing that the County receives from the Odd Fellow Cemetery.

Commissioner Holliday requested that staff find out when the Cemetery Board meets so that she can attend an upcoming meeting.

Staff was directed to contact the City of The Dalles to see what action, if any, the City is taking on the letter from Keyser.

Item #7

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to accept the resignation of Joel Brown from the Wasco County Planning Commission. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Stone informed the Board that he has received a proposal from B & B Brush Clearing for the Wildland Urban Interface Project on the Kelly Springs property located in South Wasco County. The project is to thin 40 acres of timber. The contractor has done a number of projects for the Oregon Department of Forestry. The cost of the proposal came in under the allowable grant amount.

Some discussion occurred.

{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to accept the proposal from B & B Brush Clearing, LLC in the amount of \$13,933 for the Kelly Springs Wildland Urban Interface Grant Project. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to authorize Commissioner Bill Lennox to sign the Personal Services Contract with B & B Brush Clearing, LLC after the Contract has been reviewed by County Counsel. Chairman Ericksen seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

The Board briefly discussed conducting a meeting at the Dew Drop Inn in Tygh Valley on the proposed formation of the Tygh Valley Rural Fire Protection District. The meeting will be held on June 16, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

The Board recessed at 9:58 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION on economic development in Wasco County; presented by Jessica Metta, Wasco County Economic Development Coordinator.

Jessica Metta, Economic Development Coordinator, and Joan Silver, Chair of the Wasco County Economic Development Commission, presented the monthly economic development report.

Metta provided the Board with an update on the Economic Development Commission's work party project in the City of Shaniko. Most of the volunteers painted picnic tables, others pressure washed the buildings to prepare them for painting. Sam and Dave Silver did the work on the Post Office handicap ramp. Metta noted that Home Depot donated approximately \$550 worth of materials. Some of the material was donated by Parr Lumber.

Some discussion occurred after hearing a report from Metta on the Windpower Conference held recently in Dallas, Texas.

Metta updated the Board on other economic development activities being undertaken in Wasco County.

Joan Silver thanked the Board for their on-going support for continuing to have the Economic Development Commission in Wasco County and for recognizing the value of the Commission. Silver also thanked Metta for her contribution to the Commission.

Silver told the Board of Commissioners that the Shaniko Project was born by the Economic Development Commission Members. The Commission ranks the Needs and Issues Projects every year. They see things that just need to get done. The primary thing that needs to be accomplished in Shaniko is their handicap ramp at the Shaniko Post Office. There is no ADA access to a federal building.

Silver stated that Jessica Metta went through agony to make sure that we were building a structure properly. At the eleventh hour, the day before the scheduled work party, after weeks of working with these departments, Jessica was told that they did not need a permit. They learned that the City of Shaniko does not issue permits.

Silver felt that this needs to be investigated. She has terrible feelings of what happens to a stranger coming to town to add a structure to a building. Silver urged the County to look forward and try to investigate why it is so difficult to get a proper piece of paper to do a job.

Some discussion occurred.

Metta noted that it was primarily Building Codes; the Planning & Economic Development Department told her that they did not need a permit from their Department.

Chairman Ericksen stated that he would like to publically thank Tenneson Engineering, especially Darrin Eckman, for the design of the ADA handicap ramp. The work was done pro bono.

Further discussion occurred regarding the project in the City of Shaniko and the need for better communications between Building Codes and the Wasco County Planning & Development Department.

Stone stated that he met with Todd Cornett, Wasco County Planning & Development Director. They are working on a letter to send to Mid Columbia Council of Governments (MCCOG) regarding this communications issue.

Commissioner Lennox stated that he feels that a conversation with the management at MCCOG and the Department Head at Building Codes Division has to happen.

Stone stated that the Planning & Development Department are getting a lot of calls regarding Building Codes. The Department is revising their customer survey to see if they can get some specific data on what are the concerns of the community.

Sheriff Rick Eiesland requested that the Board approve a Resolution in support of achieving a Statewide Interoperable Communications System for Emergency Responders.

Staff was directed to prepare a Resolution supporting a Statewide Interoperable Communications System for the Board's approval.

Sheriff Eiesland stated that he just spent two hours talking with Mid Columbia Medical Center regarding medical services provided to inmates at NORCOR.

Some discussion occurred.

PUBLIC HEARING on the adoption of the Wasco County Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Chairman Ericksen called to order the Public Hearing on the adoption of the Wasco County Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Monica Morris, Finance Manager, noted the changes made in next year's budget by the Wasco County Budget Committee, (Attached as Exhibit C).

Morris stated that the approved General Fund Budget is down to \$13,458,693, which is down \$187,920 from the current Fiscal Year.

The Board had no questions on the approved Budget.

Morris then went over the requested changes to the approved budget, (Attached as Exhibit D).

Some discussion occurred regarding the proposed changes to the Veterans Services Division Budget and whether or not the County rebudgeted unspent enhancement and expansion dollars.

Stone and Morris felt that the enhancement and expansion dollars will be spent by the end of the Fiscal Year.

Commissioner Holliday expressed her disappointment that the County did not leave any funding in the transfer account from the General Fund to the Weed & Pest Fund.

Morris stated that the Weed & Pest Fund is not mandated to be in a dedicated fund. Because they are doing such a good job they do not need General Fund

dollars to support them at this time. They are projecting that their ending balance will be high enough to be sustainable.

Some discussion occurred regarding the Weed Department's Budget and the services provided.

Chairman Ericksen asked Morris about year-end transfers which will impact the Beginning Fund balance.

Morris noted what the proposed Beginning Fund balance was as compared to what was approved by the Budget Committee. The County has increased the Beginning Fund balance by \$100,000.

Morris pointed out that we need \$30,685 to balance the budget.

Some discussion occurred on the need to add funding for vacation cash out. Stone felt that \$25,000 would be enough, since the cash out is proposed to be terminated at the end of the calendar year.

Chairman Ericksen opened the Public Hearing to anyone wishing to testify on the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Keri Brenner, The Dalles Chronicle Reporter, asked several questions in regards to next year's Budget totals.

Some discussion occurred in regards to changes in next year's budget as compared to the current Fiscal Year.

Stone asked that we revisit the discussion on Veterans enhancement and expansion dollars. He wanted to make sure that we don't get caught on not rebudgeting those dollars if they are not spent in the current Fiscal Year.

Some discussion occurred on the enhancement and expansion dollars for the Veterans Services Program.

At 11:21 a.m. the Public Hearing was closed to testimony.

Chairman Ericksen suggested that the Board add funding to the Vacation Cash Out Account to carry us through the first six months of the new Fiscal Year. The amount of \$35,000 was suggested instead of the \$25,000 proposed by Morris.

Morris suggested that we increase the Beginning Fund Balance by \$40,685 in order to balance the budget.

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to approve the proposed changes to the Wasco County Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 as discussed. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

The Public Hearing adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL of the Regular Session Consent Calendar of June 2, 2010, (Attached as Exhibit E).

{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to approve the Regular Session Consent Calendar of June 2, 2010 as presented. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to approve the Agreement between Wasco County YouthThink and Howard Gonser and the Agreement between Wasco County YouthThink and Ron Sutherland. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to approve Order #10-068 in the matter of the designation of a newspaper for the publication of the Annual Tax Foreclosure List. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Stone introduced to the Board Sue Stephens the new Executive Assistant to the Administrative Office.

Stone noted that Chairman Ericksen and Kathy McBride, Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners, need to sit down with him regarding the transfer of duties from the Board of Commissioners Office.

{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to approve the Agreement between Wasco County, Oregon and Executive Information Services, Inc. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Chairman Ericksen informed the Commissioners that he met with Nolan Young, City of The Dalles Manager, regarding animal control. Young thought that we could extend the current contract and use the money from the serial levy to keep the whole system funded. They went over the Home At Last budget and took out things that were animal control related versus Home At Last programs. The dollar amount for Officer Heinige and the animal control shelter is more than \$57,000. Chairman Ericksen feels that Home At Last should sell the levy; he is

not inclined to do so. The County could determine the level of services that we want to have.

Commissioner Lennox asked are we presenting a levy to the public for Home At Last, or are we doing it as a representative of the County and for the citizens which is the best option. We are saying that we want them to pay for more taxes and pay for more efficient services. It is the opinion of some people that Home At Last's program is bloated. If we are putting a proposal forward we should put out a Request for Proposal.

Some discussion occurred regarding a proposed Local Option Tax and what would happen if the levy failed.

The Board recessed at 12 p.m.

Commissioner Lennox left for the day.

The Board reconvened at 1:33 p.m.

DISCUSSION on the recommendation from the Veterans Service Advisory Group pertaining to the Veterans Service Office.

Jim Burres stated that he contacted Steve Lawrence. Lawrence indicated that Hood River County will be selecting two members to serve on the Veterans Services Advisory Committee.

Burres stated it is their understanding that the County will be running a job announcement for the Veterans Services Officer Position. There is a job description from Gilliam County and Hood River County.

Some discussion occurred regarding the appointment of an Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Holliday stated it is our understanding that the Advisory Committee consisting of seven individuals will make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The proposal from Mid Columbia Council of Governments to provide Veterans Services is still valid. The proposal has not been set aside at this point in time.

Stone stated that the County needs to make the decision whether to hire an individual or to contract out with Mid Columbia Council of Governments.

Burres stated that they will not tolerate a nonelected official managing the program. He noted that Wasco County has .79% of the veterans in the state.

Chairman Ericksen stated that he met with Dave Meriwether, Hood River County Administrator. The Counties are looking for the most efficient way to administer the Veterans Services Program at the least cost in order to put the most money into the program. Mid Columbia Council of Governments can do it cheaper than Wasco County can. They administer grant programs all the time.

Chairman Ericksen stated that the Advisory Committee will be the direct contact with the Veterans Services Officer. They will not get direction from us. The Advisory Committee will be working with the Officer. The administration piece will hire, write the checks and do all of the accounting.

Burres stated that the problem has been that the Department of Veterans Affairs did not have a consistent reporting process in place. If they did Hood River County would not be paying back two years worth of funding. The meeting on June 14th will solidify what route we want to take.

Burres stated that we need to have knowledgeable people doing the job. It cannot be done by anyone the way it is presently structured.

Chairman Ericksen stated if the group is going to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners then they need to be specific on why they are recommending something.

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the Veterans Services Program.

The County will advertise for citizens interested in serving on the Wasco/Hood River County Veterans Advisory Committee.

Steve Lawrence will provide the Board with a listing of individuals who have already expressed an interest in being members of the Committee. As well as the group's recommendation on whether the County should hire the Veterans Services Officer or contract with Mid Columbia Council of Governments.

Chairman Ericksen asked that the Veterans Ad Hoc group work on putting together a listing of items that the Advisory Committee would be responsible for in assisting the Veterans Service Officer.

Burres left a copy of information on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs for the Board's review.

Chairman Ericksen asked if there was anyone else wishing to address the Board in regards to the Veterans Services Program.

Gwen Schatz stated that her husband is a Vietnam veteran. He is receiving compensation. He was first turned down after filling out the paper work. Schatz stated that she is disappointed that the Veterans Services Officer Position has a 40% turnover. It seems like there is a bigger problem here. She feels we need to separate Wasco County from Hood River County.

Schatz stated that she is just trying to get help for local veterans. There are people that would be willing to volunteer by filling out the paper work without knowing all the rules and regulations.

Chairman Ericksen stated that he was thankful that Hood River County budgeted funding to share a Veterans Service Officer. The County just went through a difficult budget process. If we would have lost Hood River County it would have been much more expensive for the County to fund a full time Officer.

Chairman Ericksen stated that Burren would agree that the state and federal governments need to adequately fund veteran's services. It is ridiculous that they allocated additional money for medical services and they don't give us enough money for processing the claims and for staff. Because they are federal benefits and a state run program the Counties are the odd man out for running these programs. The only attachment is for us to hire someone to fill out forms.

Further discussion occurred.

Rod Runyon cautioned the Board of Commissioners from hiring a Veterans Service Officer with a seven member Advisory Committee overseeing the program. Some people may not want to work under that type of system.

The Board recessed at 2:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION on Animal Control.

Chairman Ericksen informed those in attendance that the Board committed to making some sort of decision as to funding for the operation of the animal control shelter. The County has pieced meal another year together with the indulgence of all parties involved.

Chairman Ericksen went over his recommendation as to funding for continued operation of the animal shelter, (Attached as Exhibit F).

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Liz Polehn, Home At Last Representative, requested a copy of the recommendation so that she can take it back to their Board of Directors to see what direction the Board would like to go.

Polehn had a question as to the funding that they will receive during next Fiscal Year.

Chairman Ericksen stated that there is no way to pass a levy to get it in the next Fiscal Year.

Polehn expressed her appreciation for the \$100,000 in funding for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Commissioner Holliday stated that it was her assumption that Home At Last was looking for an answer today.

Polehn stated that she is the Operations Manager at the shelter. She is surprised since this is the third or fourth time that the Board has been asked to make a decision.

Chairman Ericksen stated that the Board does not always vote the same. We are considering any of those four options. The County is trying to look at long term operations.

Polehn stated that Cindy Miller, President of the Board of Directors, was to be here to speak on behalf of Home At Last.

Phil Swaim asked about the dollar amount for Option 3B.

Chairman Ericksen responded by stating that he did not put a number to that option. It would be for operational costs for the shelter and the Animal Control Officer.

Swaim asked if the cost to operate the shelter is going back to the old days of being a kill shelter.

Discussion occurred over the proposed Options proposed by Chairman Ericksen.

Swaim stated in the Board's public meeting there was strong community support for Home At Last. He feels that the County needs to put a dollar amount into their proposal since people are getting nervous.

Chairman Ericksen stated that Option 3B would include the costs for the Animal Control Officer and for running the shelter. The dollar amount would be less than what Home At Last is currently spending.

Nolan Young, City of The Dalles Manager, encouraged the County to move forward as soon as possible to establish firm numbers so that Home At Last can make plans. Based on what Chairman Ericksen said the City Council supports the County's efforts to retain the current operator.

Young stated as far as the dollar amount we ran through the services that were directly related to animal control services. We tried to separate some of the programs that Home At Last does. As we ran through the services the number came up to \$240,000 in costs and 10% was added for inflation. They anticipate a 92% collection rate. We then added \$100,000 for the Animal Control Officer portion. We then subtracted \$91,000 for what is taken in for adoption fees. That comes to a \$300,000 amount for the levy. Young recommended that we sit down with Home At Last and finalize the figure.

Chairman Ericksen stated prior to Commissioner Lennox leaving for the day he let the Board know that he favors Option 3A. It makes the whole process cleaner when we go out for Request for Proposals. He asked if Young had any comments on the RFP.

Young responded by stating that you gave some good points on continuing with the contract. If you choose to go out for an RFP you may have a lower rate but would it be a sustainable program. If Home At Last does not want to continue, then an RFP would be the way to go. He sees some value in continuing with our current system.

Commissioner Holliday stated that she is surprise that the dollar amount is so high.

A lengthy discussion occurred.

Commissioner Holliday stated that she is leaning on putting it out for an RFP. She has a concern regarding putting out a levy for one nonprofit. There could be another nonprofit in need of funding.

Young stated if the County wants to go out for an RFP then he would recommend going out right now. Home At Last has a contract that expires on June 30, 2010.

Young suggested putting out the RFP that has two portions on it; that there is \$100,000 this year to operate the shelter, what services can you provide; and two

if we were to put out a levy request for three to five years what amount would you propose to provide us for the actual services that we would want. The County would then go to the voters showing that they have a contingent to operate the shelter for this period.

Young stated that would remove the uncertainties for Home At Last. That is why he leans to the Council that we stick with the entity that already has programs that benefit the community.

Stone asked if Home At Last is going to be out of the shelter on June 30th.

Polehn stated that Home At Last has no current plans to be out on June 30th. They would like to maintain their program for the services they provide in the community.

Cindy Miller, President of Home At Last, stated that they are willing to operate until the money runs out.

Stone asked if they could live with \$100,000 in funding. If Home At Last can operate under the budget proposed then the County would not have to go out for a levy to ask for a larger amount to fund this operation. It is not a good time to be asking for more money. Stone stated that he has asked a couple of times what services could be reduced to live within that budget.

Miller stated that they are chasing their tails. They are lean; staff is doing more than what is required under a normal budget. They are continuing to look at ways to fund their program. She does not feel comfortable giving a definite answer without talking to her board as a whole.

Some further discussion occurred.

Sheriff Eiesland briefly commented on the funding difficulties for the Sheriff's Office in Lincoln County. He stated if the animal shelter was left up to him he would have a stray animal control. The County would house the animals and the shelter would not be open to the public. For \$100,000 or less that could be the reality. We are talking bare minimum. There is also an option less than that amount.

Commissioner Holliday would like to see some figures since she thinks the \$300,000 amount is high. She would be willing to consider negotiating something with Home At Last. Commissioner Holliday noted that she is not against a levy.

Young stated he is uncomfortable with sitting down with Home At Last and then requiring them to compete for the contract. The \$300,000 does include \$100,000 for the Animal Control Officer. Under the current contract we have a lease agreement and a management agreement. Those agreements spell out what they do at the animal shelter. The agreement continues unless either party gives a 90 day notice. The County has received Home At Last's 90 day notice.

Young noted if we want a figure we would talk about the level of service and find out what they are doing right now. We would then decide the level of service we would want under the contract.

Commissioner Holliday stated that she would withdraw her concern with not going out for an RFP. She feels that they do good work.

Chairman Ericksen stated that there may be other people out there that could do the work for less. There may not be others out there who could provide the other services.

Stone stated that he does not think we are asking for the enhanced services.

Chairman Ericksen stated we will consider how we can leverage the dollars that we spend. We would evaluate what they can bring to the table.

Further discussion occurred regarding the Request for Proposal process.

Young suggested that the Board table this issue until a specific date and then direct the appropriate County official to meet with Home At Last and negotiate a potential service level and dollar amount for the Local Option Tax Levy.

Young stated that is his recommendation if the County prefers Option 3B over Option 3A. If the Board is leaning towards Option 3A then Stone is right.

Young felt that the County and the City needs to know if Home At Last will operate the animal shelter for the \$100,000 during Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Home At Last will discuss the matter with their Board of Directors and will get back to the County with an answer to Young's question.

The Board recessed at 3:31 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

The Board moved to Meeting Room #206.

*****It was the consensus of the Board of Commissioners to move forward with determining a service level and dollar amount for animal control services for a Local Option Tax to be placed on the November 2, 2010 General Election Ballot***.**

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL of amending the Wasco County Personnel Ordinance.

The Board considered amending the Wasco County Personnel Ordinance. The current language under Section 86.219 was reviewed along with the proposed amendment to said Section.

Stone stated that employees that are covered by the union who then become non-represented or management are being cashed out for their vacation hours in the accrued bank. The employees are not losing anything.

Monica Morris, Finance Manager, confirmed that Stone is correct. The County has been cashing out the employees since she has been employed with the County. There are employees that have accrued and awarded vacation hours.

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to approve Order #10-066 in the matter of adopting amendments to the Wasco County Personnel Ordinance. Chairman Ericksen seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL of amending the Wasco County Vacation Policy.

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to approve the Amended Vacation Policy. Chairman Ericksen seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to approve Order #10-065 in the matter of voiding the Vacation Policy for Appointed Department Heads and Elected Officials. Chairman Ericksen seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

The Board signed:

- Modification of Grant or Agreement between the Mt. Hood National Forest, Barlow Ranger District, and Wasco County Weed and Pest.

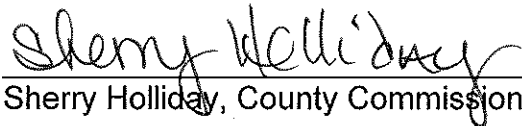
- Order #10-064 in the matter of transferring \$3,133.00 from the Fair Fund Contingency Account to the Fair Fund Equipment – Non Capital Account during Fiscal Year 2009-2010.
- Regular Session Minutes of February 17, 2010.
- Hearings Officer Order #10-067 for Dennis James' Illegal Dwelling and Structures Code Violation.
- Funding Agreement between Wasco County Commission on Children and Families and First Christian Church.
- Order in the matter of voiding the Vacation Policy for Appointed Department Heads and Elected Officials.
- Order in the matter of adopting amendments to the Wasco County Personnel Ordinance.
- Order in the matter of the designation of a newspaper for the publication of the Annual Tax Foreclosure List.
- Amended Vacation Policy.
- Agreement between Wasco County, Oregon and Executive Information Services, Inc.
- Agreement between Wasco County YouthThink and Howard Gonser.
- Agreement between Wasco County YouthThink and Ron Sutherland.

At 4:08 p.m. the Board adjourned.

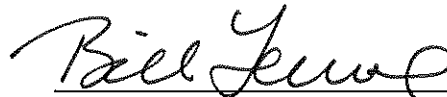
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DISCUSSION LIST

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Decision on the request from Jay LeRoux for an easement or purchase of property for use as a right-of-way to his home located off of East Fifth Street.
2. Discussion on the replacement of the Wasco County Veterans Service Officer.
3. Discussion on dog running at large in public parks.
4. Discussion on IT Fee for QLife.
5. Discussion on the request from Joan Silver for the County to reimburse certain expenses for the Economic Development Project in Shaniko.
6. Discussion on letter received from William Keyser to the Odd Fellows Cemeteries Board of Directors in regards to the degradation of the Odd Fellows Cemetery.
7. Acceptance of the resignation of Joel Brown from the Wasco County Planning Commission.

ON HOLD:

1. Discussion on office space for County reorganization.
2. Discussion on Amending Document Approval Policy.
3. Discussion on the establishment of an Ordinance that would allow the enforcement of the burn ban.
4. Motion to rescind the Agreement between Wasco County, Oregon, and the North Wasco County School District #21, approved on March 4, 2009.
5. Discussion on Model Executive Session News Media Attendance Policy.
6. Discussion on Draft Continuity of Operations Planning Policy.
7. Discussion on establishing an administrative rate for grants.
8. Discussion on letter received from Keith Mobley, dated May 3, 2010.

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Kathy McBride

From: Dan Ericksen
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 9:06 AM
To: Bill Lennox; Sherry Holliday; Kathy McBride
Subject: FW: Shaniko Project

FYI, it's not much, and it could come out of the enterprise money as an economic development project (which is probably already overspent). It is also one of the cheapest goodwill gestures the County will ever get for a south County community. We'll put it on the discussion for June 2.

Dan Ericksen, Chair
Wasco County Board of Commissioners

From: Joan Silver [mailto:joansilver@charter.net]
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 8:37 AM
To: Dan Ericksen
Cc: Jessica Metta
Subject: Shaniko Project

Dan, our workday by the WCEDC at Shaniko went well, along with snow, sleet, rain and wind all the scheduled work was accomplished and the Shaniko folks turned out with lots of help and good food.

Our expenses that we would like the county to reimburse if possible:

Home Depot for lumber, \$149.67

Truck gas 45.00

Total of \$194.67, which has been paid for by Sam Silver Construction, and could be reimbursed directly to him or however it would be best from the county. I have the Home Depot slip and could get a bill from Sam for the gas if needed.

Hope this is okay, it was a worthwhile project and the Commission will get a full report from Jessica.

Thanks, Joan

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This message has been scanned for viruses and dangerous content by the MailScanner at www.co.wasco.or.us, and is believed to be clean.

To summarize for you – some of the large changes from the proposed budget to the approved budget are:

All furloughs were restored- this was done in the general fund by eliminating other expenditures and increasing revenues. In other funds this was done mainly by using contingency money.

Restoring 2.4 of the 4.4 positions that were cut – this was done by increasing revenues and reducing or eliminating other expenditures.

Eliminated facilities dept, capital equipment budgeted amount

Eliminated the wage study

Eliminated the cost of the court house boiler replacement

Eliminated one vehicle – a charger for the Sheriff dept

Eliminated the cost of DEQ tank removal

Eliminated the cost of new flooring in the sheriff department

Eliminated some computer work station replacements

Eliminate the vehicle allowance paid to the commissioners

Budgeted a new admin fee in fund 220 – 911 and the corresponding payment to general fund, thus increasing the revenue in general fund

Increase transfer into general fund from Court Facilities fund, for the Sheriff dept

Increase current property tax revenue

And of course the unprecedented move by the commissioners to change the infrastructure of Wasco County's financial state by removing public health general fund mandated service costs out of general fund.

With all the changes recorded, some final numbers for general fund are –

Total budget is down \$187,920 to \$13,458,693

Including public health – budgeted personal services are down \$195,769 – this is due to the elimination of vacation cash out, elimination of 2 positions, reduction of overtime in most departments, savings in the estimated to actual cost of health insurance.

Including public health – budgeted materials and services are down \$243,500

Total gf resources budgeted are –

Property tax – up \$192,564 to total \$6,611,373 – using 93.53% collection rate (2008/09 was 93.40) that means \$7,068,709 is the total tax levied with this budget.

All other resources – down \$198,484 to total \$6,847,320 - in this revenue are numerous one time grants for specific projects, this 6.8 mill is not sustainable revenue.

General Fund
REQUIREMENTS:

		change to:	
admin/facilities	cap equipment	1000	
youth	medical	4450	
youth	dental	235	
admin	vac cash out	25000	
admin/veterans	cont services	0	40300
admin/veterans	supplies	6349	854
admin/veterans	personal services	<u>68041</u>	
		105075	41154

REVENUES:

admin/veterans	Hood River	22791	
admin/veterans	ODVA/HR	10445	
beg balance		<u>30685</u>	
		63921	41154

Museum Fund
REQUIREMENTS:

Museum Fund	wagon building	138380	
			reduction of 1620 to each line item

REVENUES:

Museum Fund	wagon building	193627	
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**WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
June 2, 2010**

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Modification of Grant or Agreement between the Mt. Hood National Forest, Barlow Ranger District, and Wasco County Weed and Pest.
2. Order #10-064 in the matter of transferring \$3,133.00 from the Fair Fund Contingency Account to the Fair Fund Equipment – Non Capital Account during Fiscal Year 2009-2010.
3. Regular Session Minutes of February 17, 2010.
4. Hearings Officer Order #10-067 for Dennis James' Illegal Dwelling and Structures Code Violation.
5. Funding Agreement between Wasco County Commission on Children and Families and First Christian Church.

Memo to Commissioners from Dan Ericksen, Chair

RE: Funding for continued operation of the Animal Shelter

Current status:

Current year funding is at approximately \$64,000

Budget for next year is \$100,000 (28% County/72% City)

Assumption: The status quo will not continue to be a viable option, based on input from Home at Last (HAL) representatives.

Situation:

Current year funding appears to be inadequate to sustain services at the current level. Budgeted funding for 2010-11 may not be sustainable for any of the agencies involved. It may not be adequate for HAL to continue their program. The City cannot guarantee that it can continue to fund at the 72% level and may go back to the 50% level previously used as its budget situation tightens. And the County situation cannot be sure that there will be any funding for animal control in another year.

Options:

- 1) Reduce funding to historic levels, allow Animal Control Officer to use shelter for strays, have very limited public access, and reinstitute euthanasia program to handle unclaimed dogs. Eliminate all cats from program.
- 2) Close down Animal Control as a County program and allow the City use of the shelter if the City were interested in its own program.
- 3) Ask voters to approve a Serial Levy (3 or 5 yr) to provide secure funding to ensure continued operation of the animal shelter. Limit the request to those funds needed to run the Animal Control portion of the operation only.
 - a. Estimate the dollars needed to run the Shelter (including Animal Control Officer) and use an RFP process to secure an operator during the term of the levy.
 - b. Use the existing contract with HAL, separate Shelter costs from HAL operations, and request that amount to assure continued operation of the Shelter. HAL would be responsible for funding services provided as part of its Charter and By-Laws.

After conferring with Nolan Young, City Manager, and discussing the options and implications, I am making the following suggestion to the Commissioners.

Recommendation:

I would suggest that 3)b. be the alternative that the Commissioners follow.

Pros:

- 1) Gives the public the opportunity to weigh in on the value of continuing services provided at the Shelter

- 2) Provides consistency of operations
- 3) Known entity, County and public know what services are provided
- 4) Reduces inefficiencies of changing management
- 5) Funding will be limited to amount required to run Animal Shelter for City and County, HAL will have to do own fund raising to support its programs
- 6) Levy (either 3)a or 3)b would reduce overall County obligation,

Cons:

- 1) Possibly cheaper to go with 3)a.
- 2) Increases tax burden in difficult time
- 3) Would possibly compete with School bonding needs and NWCP&R pool bond request
- 4) Voter backlash from "nickel and dime" effect, i.e. Library, Extension